

Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Water Sports Centres - User Guide

I. Water sports activities

- Sessions for water sports activities are between 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Since activities may be suspended at any time due to changes in weather or other special reasons, users should always pay attention to the flag signals issued by the Centres.

Notes on flag signals :

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| Windsock | • means the centre is open. |
| Red flag | • indicates that it is unsafe to carry out water sports activities. All water sports activities are suspended immediately. All users afloat should return to the Centres as soon as possible. |
| Shark flag | • indicates that there is suspected shark sighting in nearby waters. Users afloat should stop their activities and stay in their crafts, waiting for the instructors or the rescue team to take them back to the Centres. |
| Yellow flag | • indicates that the weather is deteriorating or that the offshore waters is unsafe. All water sports activities should be carried out close to the shore. |
| N flag
(i.e. blue and white checked flag) | • indicates that the current session of water sports activities will finish or the next session will start later. |

- Except leading by instructor, all water sport activities must be carried out within the waters specified by the Centres.

II. Hiring of Crafts

- To hire crafts at water sports centres, one must hold the relevant and valid certificate and produce it to our staff for verification on the day of the activity and for retention till the end of the activity.
- Hirers must return the crafts and the accessories punctually. Late return will incur additional hire charges (at an hourly rate).
- Hirers should get the “Equipment Collection Form” back from the boat shed or equipment counter, return it to the office and take back their certificates at the end of the activity.
- Users should inform the staff if any crafts or accessories are damaged or lost. The Centres reserve the right to claim compensation from the users.

III. Cancellation of Activities

- Activities may be cancelled in case of inclement weather or special circumstances (e.g. insufficient enrolment or emergency maintenance of equipment or venues, etc.). Our staff will notify the affected participants individually and arrange for compensatory session or refund.
- In case of cancellation of activities due to insufficient enrolment, our staff will notify the affected participants individually at least 7 days prior to the commencement of activities.
- Arrangements under inclement weather:

Weather Condition Type of Activity	Announcement of the Hong Kong Observatory at 7 a.m. *	
	RED rainstorm warning signal, typhoon signal No. 1, strong monsoon signal or thunderstorm warning	BLACK rainstorm warning signal, typhoon signal No. 3 or higher
Fun day, 1-day course and hiring of craft	Participants shall report to the concerned Centre. Our staff shall have discretion to decide whether the activities should be held in the light of the prevailing weather condition. (Excluding the scheduled trip of the course)	Activities will be cancelled.
Multi-day course		Activities of the day will be cancelled. The remaining sessions will be held as scheduled.
Sea Trip	All trips will be cancelled (including the scheduled trip of the course).	
* If typhoon signal No. 3 or the BLACK rainstorm warning signal is cancelled <u>before 7 a.m.</u> , all the activities of the day will be held as scheduled.		

IV. Equipment

- Users should bring along their clothes suitable for water sports such as swimming suits, swimming trunks, spectacle band, sun cap, light, permeable and fit long-sleeved clothes for attending the activity. When going afloat, users must bring along with water-proof whistle and wear their own toe and heel-protected rubber shoes (slippers or sandals which provide no protection are not allowed), and life jackets or buoyancy aids provided by the Centres.
- Users should bring their own cleaning items and spare clothes.
- Wet suits are available for use at the Centres. Users have to follow the instruction in washing the wet suits and put them back in their proper place after use.
- If users are found improperly equipped, they will not be allowed to take part in the water activities.

V. Catering

14. Users should bring their own food and drinks.
15. Sea trip participants should bring their own waterproof bag or barrel for storage of food and equipment.
16. Soft drink vending machines are provided at Chong Hing, Stanley Main Beach, St. Stephen's Beach Tai Mei Tuk Water Sports Centre. Please bring small changes for buying soft drinks. Refreshment Kiosk is provided at the Jockey Club Wong Shek Water Sports Centre.

VI. Locker

17. Users should follow the arrangement of the Centres in using lockers. For those using coin-operated lockers, please collect the coins after use.
 - Chong Hing & Tai Mei Tuk Water Sports Centres : Use five-dollar coin
 - Stanley Main Beach Water Sports Centre : Collect locker key from the office
 - St. Stephen's Beach Water Sports Centre : Users have to bring padlock (30mm)
 - The Jockey Club Wong Shek Water Sports Centre : Use ten-dollar coin
18. Please take away your belongings after the activities.

VII. Transportation

19. Chong Hing
 - Scheduled shuttle buses are provided by the Centre to and from Sai Kung Tang Siu Kin Sports Ground and the Centre.
 - Take public buses to Pak Tam Chung, Sai Kung and then walk along Man Yi Road for 75 minutes to reach the Centre.
 - Hire a "kaito" (ferry) at Sai Kung Pier.
20. Stanley Main Beach
 - Take bus no. 14 - Sai Wan Ho to Stanley Fort (Buses depart every 30 minutes approximately.)
 - Take bus no. 63/65 - North Point Pier to Stanley.
 - Take bus no. 6/6X/260 - Exchange Square, Central to Stanley Prison.
 - Take bus no. 73 - Cyberport to Stanley Prison.
 - Take bus no. 973 - Tsim Sha Tsui (East) to Stanley.
 - Alight at Stanley Market and then walk for about 5 minutes to reach the Centre.
21. St. Stephen's Beach
 - Take bus no. 14 - Sai Wan Ho to Stanley Fort (Buses depart every 30 minutes approximately.); alight at Wong Ma Kok Path and then walk for 3 minutes to reach the Centre.
 - Take bus no. 6A - Exchange Square, Central to Stanley Fort (Buses depart every 30 minutes approximately.); alight at Wong Ma Kok Path and then walk for 3 minutes to reach the Centre.
 - Take bus no. 63/65 - North Point to Stanley; alight at Stanley Market and then walk for about 10 minutes to reach the Centre.
 - Take bus no. 6/6X/260 - Exchange Square, Central to Stanley Prison; alight at Stanley Market and then walk for about 10 minutes to reach the Centre.
22. Tai Mei Tuk
 - Take bus no. 75K or 275R (available on Sundays and public holidays only) at Tai Po Railway Station and alight at Tai Mei Tuk Bus Terminus (the journey takes about 30 minutes) and then walk for about 5 minutes to get to the Centre.
23. Wong Shek
 - Take bus no. 92 from Diamond Hill MTR Station to Sai Kung or bus no. 299 from Shatin New Town Plaza to Sai Kung, and then change bus (no. 94) at Sai Kung for Wong Shek Pier. (Buses depart every 30 minutes approximately.)
 - An additional bus route (no. 96R) from Diamond Hill MTR Station to Wong Shek Pier is available on Sundays and public holidays.
 - As this Centre is located in the restricted area, those who drive to Sai Kung are requested to park their vehicles at the Pak Tam Chung public parking area and take the above-mentioned bus to Wong Shek Pier.

VIII. Others

24. Participants should bring along their identity documents and receipts on the day of activity for verification by our staff. Otherwise, they will not be allowed to take part in the water sports activities.
25. Participants must complete the "Declaration" on the day of activity. Those under 18 years of age should bring along the completed "Declaration by Participants' Parents/Guardians or Persons Authorized by Applicants' Parents/Guardians" and submit it to the staff on the day of activity, otherwise they will not be allowed to take part in the water sports activities.
26. If participants need to record the hours of activities in the activity logbook, they should get it done at the office before leaving the Centres. Request after the activity date will not be entertained.
27. To avoid affecting the course schedule, participants of all courses should arrive at the Centres on time and report to the instructor. Participants could visit the notice board at the Centres for the spot of reporting.
28. If participants cannot attend the training course or activity on time due to special reasons, they should inform our staff as soon as possible.
29. If participants feel unwell during the course, they should stop the activities immediately and inform the instructor.
30. If participants fail to show up for the activity, no refund will be made.
31. Telephone enquiry 2792 6810 (Chong Hing), 2813 9117 (Stanley Main Beach), 2813 5407 (St. Stephen's Beach), 2665 3591 (Tai Mei Tuk), 2328 2311 (Wong Shek)
32. Telephone enquiry hours : 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
33. The Centres will be closed on : Chong Hing – Thursdays; Tai Mei Tuk & Stanley Main Beach – Wednesdays; Wong Shek & St. Stephen's Beach – Tuesdays
34. Smoking is strictly prohibited in the areas of the water sports centres.

* If there is any amendment to the above information, the final decision of the Centres shall prevail. (Revised in Oct. 2006)